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Application of: Moshe Sarfaty et al.
Assignee: Applied Materials, Inc.
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Office Action, and an Extension Petition (with a check of \$110.00 for the Petition Fee). A filing fee has previously been paid for a total of thirty-one (31) claims, including five (5) independent claims. At present, there are a total of thirty-one (31) claims, including five (5) independent claims. As such, no additional fee is required.

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